

INTRODUCTION, GENERAL RULES

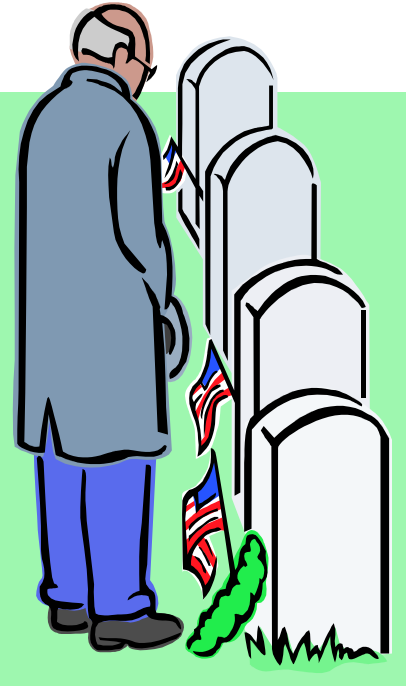
Cemeteries are precious and fragile records of the Town’s history. It is important to preserve these cemeteries and the artwork of the carvers as well as the integrity and sanctity of the site as a whole. Therefore, please understand that:

- ◆ **The right of admittance to the grounds is reserved.**
- ◆ **All persons shall respect the solemnity of the cemetery and strictly observe the rules which have been established for the purpose of ensuring quiet and good order at all times within the grounds.**

Reasonable efforts are made to protect approved memorials, flowers, trees and shrubs, but the Town disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury thereto.

- ◆ **Children will be permitted on the grounds only if accompanied by parent, guardian or other adult, who shall be responsible for their conduct.**
- ◆ **The Town, acting through its Sexton or other appropriate official, may expel from the cemeteries or cause to be arrested any persons disturbing its sanctity by noisy, boisterous or other improper conduct, or any person violating any of the rules and regulations.**
- ◆ **There shall be no decoration, adornment, use of monument, inscriptions or planting except as expressly permitted under these rules. The right is reserved by the Town/Sexton to enter upon any lot and prohibit, modify or remove any object, adornment, monument, inscription, planting or work done contrary to the rules.**
- ◆ **Dumping of fill materials, compost, wood materials, rubbish, old flowers etc. will not be permitted.**
- ◆ **All persons are strictly prohibited from any unauthorized picking or pruning of flowers, plants or shrubs, whether cultivated or wild; breaking or injuring any tree or shrub; marring any memorial, defacing property in any way, or disturbing birds or other wildlife.**

Please report any theft or vandalism to the Mansfield Public Works Department and the Resident State Trooper’s Office.



PLOT SALES AND CERTIFICATION RECORDS

1. The Sexton shall be authorized to sell gravesites or plots (two or more gravesites) and act on behalf of the Town Clerk in the activities described herein. The price for graves/plots shall be set by the Town Council. A Certificate of Burial Rights shall be prepared by the Town Clerk for each gravesite or plot sold. Full payment shall be rendered before interment. The Town Clerk shall keep records showing the name of the purchaser or owner of burial rights for each gravesite or plot.
2. A Certificate of Burial Rights grants to the purchaser the right to interment and extends this right to his/her heirs and family descendants.
3. If a Certificate of Burial Rights of the lot or grave has been lost or mislaid, a substitute Certificate of Burial Rights may be issued to the person who has established legal right to the grave/plot. In establishing this legal right:
 - a) An affidavit sworn to before a notary public must be presented in which the person claiming rights to interment privileges in said plot must identify him/herself, establish his/her rights to said plot, and state that no other party has prior or equal rights to said plot. Upon the presentation of the affidavit, the Town Clerk shall have the right to rely on the statements contained therein, and the person(s) making the affidavit shall be responsible for any errors or omissions of the affidavit.
 - b) In case of the loss of Certificate of Burial Rights to a lot or grave a substitute certificate may be issued to the person who has established legal right to it after satisfactory proof of said loss and ownership has been presented to the Town Clerk, together with an affidavit, reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Town Clerk, by a person having personal knowledge of the facts which may be conclusively relied upon by the Town Clerk to permit the use of unoccupied portions of any interment space referred to in such affidavit.
4. The use of a plot or gravesite is for the plot holder or plot holder’s relatives for interment purposes only. A person not a member of the plot holder’s family may be interred in said plot. The plot holder shall not have any right to sell, transfer, exchange, or in any manner dispose of said plot without the written permission of the Town Clerk. Any transfer is subject to these rules and regulations and to the payment of the transfer fee established by the Town Council.
5. The owner is responsible for designating grave locations within each burial plot; confirmation of such location is to be made prior to interment.

OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER OF INTERMENT RIGHTS -
DESCENT OF OWNERSHIP

1. When an interment of an owner or relative is made and the owner or any joint owner dies without making disposition of the remaining interment space, it shall be held and reserved as the interment space of the original owner’s family.
2. In a family interment space, one plot may be used for the owner’s interment, one for the owner’s spouse, if any, or named person referenced on the deed who

has a vested right of interment, and the children and the parents of the deceased owner acquire vested rights of interment in any remaining interment space and may be interred in order of death without the consent of any other person claiming any interest in such interment space. If no child or parent survives, the vested rights of interment go in order of death, first to the spouse of any child of the owner and, second, in order of death to the next heirs at law of the owner.

3. In unusual circumstances cemetery plots that cannot be used by the owner may be sold back to the Town for the purchase price originally paid, unless said plot already has a burial within it.

INTERMENTS

1. No body except that of a human being may be interred in the town cemeteries. A concrete or other permanent vault is required for all burials. There shall be only one vault per gravesite. No stacking of vaults is permitted. Several urn interments may be placed in one gravesite.
2. All graves shall be opened and closed under the supervision of the Sexton. No interment or disinterment shall be allowed without the consent of the Sexton. Interments or disinterments shall be made only by a contractor authorized by the Sexton or other authorized representative of the Town. Notice of at least twenty-four hours shall be given to the Sexton of any desired grave opening. No grave shall be opened or interment made on legal holidays unless required for public health reasons and ordered by the Sexton. Funerals and/or graveside services shall be concluded so that the grave can be closed by sundown unless the Sexton expressly permits otherwise in consideration of special hardship.



MONUMENTS, MARKERS

No gravesite or plot monuments or markers shall be located and set without approval of the Sexton. Corner plot markers shall be flush with ground surface. Cost of monuments and markers re the responsibility of the owner. The erection or installation of monuments or memorial markers shall not take place on Sundays or legal holidays. No monument work, once installed, shall be removed from a grave unless approved by the Sexton. Only one large monument shall be allowed on each family plot and one monument or marker on each grave site. No other objects, such as benches, are permitted. **Large family monuments shall be located near the center line of each dual row of gravesites. As such, a family must own graves on either side of the center line of the row in order to place a large monument on the family plot.**

PERPETUAL CARE

All gravesites/plots which are sold will be furnished perpetual care which shall include regular mowing of grass and trimming of grass. Perpetual care shall not include maintenance, repair or replacement of monuments or markers.

PLANTINGS

- 1. Trees, gardens, curbing, fencing, hedging, shrubs, borders, statuary or enclosures of any kind shall not be allowed on or around the gravesite or plot. The Town reserves the right, without prior notice to remove same if so erected, planted or placed.
- 2. Container plants may be placed on the gravesite or plot, provided, however that the Town may remove the plants if they have died or if the plants are in a state of decline. Artificial decorations are permitted, they may be removed by the Town if they become discolored or if they leave wires causing a threat to cemetery maintenance activities.
- 3. No glass containers shall be used to contain flowers or plants. Only plastic or clay containers shall be used. At the end of the growing season all containers shall be removed. The Town reserves the right to remove any and all containers for good reason. The Town further reserves the right to remove and restrict the placement of any and all decorations/remembrances in accordance with these rules.
- 4. The Town reserves the right to remove any tree, shrub or obstacle on any lot that may hinder the efforts of opening of graves or the proper maintenance of the cemetery, or in the judgment of the Town shall seem desirable.
- 5. No person shall apply toxic chemicals (such as weed killers or pesticides) on gravesites.

*****RIVERSIDE BURYING GROUND*****

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CREMATION REMAINS

SCATTERING AREA

The scattering area is along the perimeter of the cremation section of this cemetery, outside of the designated walkway.

- 1. Application for scattering of cremation remains shall be made through the Sexton or the Town Clerk.
- 2. The applicant must present a SCATTERING AUTHORIZATION FORM properly completed. Forms are available from the Town Clerk’s office.
- 3. The sexton shall inform the applicant of the procedure and location for scattering. The sexton need not be present during the actual scattering.

- 4. Scatterings must be conducted between sunrise and sunset.
- 5. The scattering fee is \$175.00 payable to the Town Of Mansfield. If the applicant desires the name, year of birth and year of death to be placed on the central memorial in the scattering area, arrangements and payment (current cost) may be made through the Town. The plaques will be added to the central memorial on a periodic basis. No monuments or commemorations of any kind will be allowed in the scattering area.

IN-GROUND REMAINS

The in-ground remains area is within the walkway in the central portion of the cremation remains section. It is delineated by four granite posts. Plots 3’ x 3’ are laid out within this section. One or two burials of ashes are allowed within each plot.

- 1. Application for an in-ground remains plot must be made through the Sexton.
- 2. The Sexton or his/her designated representative must be present during interment.
- 3. The remains must be interred at the depth specified by the Sexton. Any associated cost for interment shall be borne by the responsible party.
- 4. The fee for the plot is \$300.00.
- 5. A marker of the slanted granite type (commonly called a “head stone”) may be placed on the 3’ x 3’ plot, but it must not exceed one foot at the highest point or exceed 18” in width. The Sexton shall be informed before a stone is installed.
- 6. Because of the natural setting, no plastic flowers or plantings of any kind are allowed.



**RULES & REGULATIONS
FOR
Mansfield Center Cemetery
Pink Ravine Cemetery
Riverside Burying Ground**



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